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Title : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING
AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT
FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR,
SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

Group Art Unit 3728

Examiner Jila Mohandesi

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following document is brought to the attention of the Examiner for her consideration:

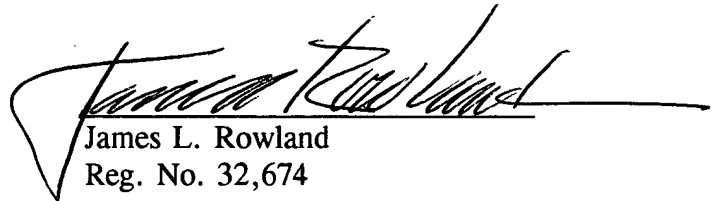
U.S. Patent No. 5,272,822 (DIAZ), issued on December 28, 1993.

The document is identified on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the document and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicant.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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